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KOREAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN ACCOUNT OF HOW THE LIMA NAC ACCEPTED
THE NORTH KOREAN BID FOR MEMBERSHIP AND REJECTED THAT OF
SOUTH KOREA. THE REPORT IS REVEALING AS TO THE DECISION-
MAKING PROCESS, ATMOSPHERE, AND DYNAMICS OF THE NAC, PARTICULARLY
ON A CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE.

2. IN PLENARY SESSION THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 25-26, THE LIMA
NAC DECIDED BY CONSENSUS TO ACCEPT THE NORTH KOREAN APPLICA-
TION FOR MEMBERSHIP, BUT THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS FOR
ADMITTANCE OF THE ROK. SUPPORTERS OF THE SOUTH KOREAN
POSITION FELL INTO THREE GROUPS. THE FIRST GROUP BELIEVED
THAT CRITERIA SHOULD BE DEVELOPED BY A SUB-COMMITTEE TO
GOVERN THE ADMITTANCE OF MEMBERS. THESE COUNTRIES
BELIEVED THAT DECISIONS SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE COLOMBO
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SUMMIT CONFERENCE. LIBERIA, MALAYSIA, AFGHANISTAN, SINGAPORE AND

PERU FAVORED THIS APPROACH.

3. A SECOND GROUP OF COUNTRIES FAVORED THE ADMISSION OF BOTH NORTH KOREA AND SOUTH KOREA AT LIMA. THESE WERE SIERRA LEON, IVORY COAST, CAMEROON, GAMBIA, LESOTHO, OMAN, MOROCCO, CHAD THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, SAUDI ARABIA AND GABON. THE LAST TWO COUNTRIES SPOKE STRONGLY FOR THIS SOLUTION TO THE KOREAN APPLICATIONS ISSUE.

4. AS A VARIANT OF THE SECOND POSITION, IVORY COAST, CAMEROON AND GABON MAINTAINED THAT IF BOTH KOREAS WERE NOT ADMITTED, NEITHER SHOULD BE UNTIL COLOMBO, BUT THEY DID NOT FAVOR A SUB-COMMITTEE TO SET CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP.

5. THE MOST DECISIVE FACTOR IN THE NAC DECISION WAS THE SPEECH BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE FONMIN, MADAME BINH. SHE MADE AN IMPASSIONED ADDRESS ATTACKING IMPERIALISM AND ITS SOUTH KOREAN LACKEY, WHICH HARBORS 40,000 U.S. TROOPS ON IT SOIL. SHE FURTHER ATTACKED SOUTH KOREA FOR SENDING 60,000 TROOPS TO VIETNAM AS AGENT OF SUPPRESSION WHO HAD COMMITTED ATROCITIES. SHE THREATENED THAT SOUTH VIETNAM WOULD WALK OUT OF THE CONFERENCE IF SOUTH KOREA WERE ADMITTED. (NOTE: SOUTH VIETNAM AUTOMATICALLY BECAME A MEMBER OF THE NONE-ALIGNED GROUP WHEN THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT (ALREADY IN THE NAC) BECAME THE DE FACTO GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY.) CUBA, CONGO AND CAMBODIA STRONGLY SECONDED THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE REMARKS.

6. THE SECOND MAJOR FACTOR IN THE NAC DECISION WAS THAT THE PHILIPPINES APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP HAD BEEN DISCUSSED EARLIER THE NIGHT OF THE 25TH. A NUMBER OF ASIAN NEUTRALS INCLUDING INDONESIA, NEPAL AND SINGAPORE SAW HOW STRONGLY THE NAC OPPOSED THAT MEMBERSHIP AND WERE DISSUADED FROM SPEAKING OUT TOO STRONGLY FOR ANOTHER ASIAN COUNTRY WITH U.S. TROOPS ON ITS SOIL: SOUTH KOREA.

7. THE THIRD MAJOR FACTOR WAS THE LOUD, ALMOST CONTINUOUS APPLAUSE AND OTHER NOISE BY THE SUPPORTERS OF NORTH KOREA. THIS SIMPLY INTIMIDATED THOSE WHO OPPOSED THEM.

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8. SAUDI ARABIA, GABON AND LESOTHO ALL SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE SOUTH KOREAN POSITION. IN RESPONSE TO THE ASSERTION THAT THE HAVANA COORDINATING BUREAU MEETING HAD IN EFFECT ALREADY DECIDED IN FAVOR OF NORTH KOREA, SAUDI ARABIA COUNTERED THAT HAVANA DID NOT REPRESENT THE WILL OF ALL. THE SAUDI ALSO POINTED TO NORTH KOREAN PACTS WITH CHINA AND THE USSR, AND ARGUED THAT BOTH KOREAS SHOULD BE ADMITTED.

9. GABON MADE THE POINTS THAT IT ENJOYS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOTH KOREAS, AND THAT THERE ARE "INVISIBLE FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES" IN NORTH KOREA, SO IT IS NO DIFFERENT FROM SOUTH KOREA.

10. LESOTHO ARGUED THAT THE HAVANA BUREAU MEETING COULD NOT DECIDE FOR ALL. IT BELIEVED THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOREIGN TROOPS WOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM SOUTH KOREA. IN ORDER TO HAVE A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE KOREAS THAT MIGHT LEAD TO A SETTLEMENT, BOTH SHOULD BE ADMITTED.

11. SUPPORTERS OF NORTH KOREA SAID THAT CRITERIA FOR NAC MEMBERSHIP ALREADY EXISTED, AND THE HAVANA BUREAU MEETING HAD APPLIED THEM. ALGERIA, CUBA, SOUTH VIETNAM, GHANA AND SENEGAL PRESSED THE CHAIRMAN (PERUVIAN FONMIN DE LA FLOR) FOR A QUICK DECISION. DE LA FLOR SUCCESSFULLY HELD OUT THAT THERE SHOULD BE MORE DISCUSSION AND THAT EVERY SOVEREIGN COUNTRY HAD A RIGHT TO EXPRESS ITS OPINION. ONCE ALL SEEMED TO HAVE SPOKEN DE LA FLOR ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE ADMITTANCE OF NORTH KOREA. NO ONE SPOKE, AND THE CHAIRMAN THUS FOUND A CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF THAT APPLICATION. DE LA FLOR'S QUESTION WHETHER THERE WERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE ADMITTANCE OF SOUTH KOREA BROUGHT FORTH A CHORUS OF "NO, NO, NO", AND THE CHAIRMAN FOUND NO CONSENSUS.

12. EMBOFF HAS SPOKEN WITH SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR MOON, WHO SUPPLIED MUCH OF THE FOREGOING INFORMATION. MOON IS HIGHLY DISAPPOINTED BY THE NAC DECISION, BUT HE ALSO POINTS OUT THAT THE NAC DEBATE ON KOREA REVEALED THAT SOUTH KOREA HAS MANY FRIENDS, EVEN IN THE NAC. COMMENT: THIS IS TRUE, BUT THE TROUBLE IS THAT SOUTH KOREA'S FRIENDS WERE NOT NUMEROUS OR VOCAL ENOUGH.

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